REMARKS

Careful consideration has been given to the Official Action of September 15, 2005 and reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The title has been rewritten as suggested by the Examiner thereby to overcome the objection which has been raised.

The reference in the cross related application information has been amended to delete the incorporation of subject matter also as suggested by the Examiner.

The abstract has been amended to be shortened within the required 150 words.

The specification has been amended to correct a typographical error referring to the cylinder block 21.

The Examiner has rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by Collings. Claims 1-3 have rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Collings.

Claims 4-6 have been noted as containing allowable subject matter.

Claim 1 has been amended to distinguish over Collings.

With respect to claim 1, the Examiner reads Collings as disclosing cylinder head 61 mounted on an end of the cylinder block. The Examiner refers to exhaust chamber 66 which is in fluid communication with the outside of the casing.

In point of fact, the chamber 66 is connected by a conduit 68 to a muffler chamber 70 which is mounted in an annular recess 72 provided in crankcase 40. In contrast, the present invention provides the cylinder head (which incorporates the suction and exhaust valves) with an integral exhaust system 41 and 42. In this respect, discharge chambers 41 and 42 extend integrally with the cylinder head and themselves form the discharge muffler chambers prior to delivery of the compressed gas outside the compressor. The discharged chamber of the present invention is therefore completely distinguished from the arrangement in Collings wherein the discharge muffler is supported in the recess in the crankcase remote from the cylinder head.

As a consequence of the amendatory action taken in claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that this claim along with claims 2 and 3 are in condition for allowance together with claims 4-6. Claims 7-8 add additional structural distinction between the disposition of the discharge chambers of the invention as compared to the disclosure in Collings.

It is therefore respectfully submitted that all of the claims in the application are now in condition for allowance and early and favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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